IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:

M. EZUMI, et al.

Application No.:

10/084,417

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For:

FRICTION STIR WELDING METHOD AND METHOD

FOR MANUFACTURING A CAR BODY

Art Unit:

1725

Examiner:

J. J. Johnson

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop AF Commissioner For Patents P.O. Box 1450 Washington, D.C. 20231 July 1, 2004

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit filing a response within the first month subsequent to expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action mailed March 1, 2004. A Credit Card Payment Form including the amount of \$110.00 to cover the required fee for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (Docket No. 648.40349VX3) and any excess fees credited to that account.

Respectfully submitted,

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